

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT**

Minorities Welfare Department – Corona Pandemic – Ramazan Month-2021 – Performing Eid-ul-Fitr prayers at Masajid on the occasion of Ramzan duly following Covid -19, Protocol – Orders – Issued.

MINORITIES WELFARE (IDM) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 51

**Dated: 11-05-2021.
Read the following:**

1. Letters No. E1/20/2019-AP, dated: 23-04-2021 and 10.05.2021 from the CEO, A.P. State Waqf Board, Vijayawada.
 2. GO.Rt.No.192, dated:04-05-2021, Health Medical & Family Welfare (B2) Department.
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In the reference 1st read above, the Chief Executive Officer, A.P. State Waqf Board, Vijayawada has addressed the Government for issuance of necessary instructions to the District Administration for precautionary measures especially at the Masajid in respect of Eid-ul-Fitr prayers on the occasion on Ramzan-2021.

2. In the reference 2nd read above, the Government of Andhra Pradesh has imposed curfew and Section-144 from 12.00 noon to 6.00 AM till 18-05-2021 to delink the spread of pandemic COVID-19.

3. Government after examining the matter, Abiding by the guidelines issued in G.O. 2nd read above, COVID-19 protocol shall be observed strictly while offering Eid Namaz in Masajids by the committees concerned, hereby issues the following instructions in respect of Eid-ul-Fitr prayers during the Ramazan in the Masajids as specified below:

Ramazan Eid Prayer (Eid-ul-Fitr on 13-05-2021 or 14-05-2021 depending on moon sight)

1. Offering Eid-ul-Fitr prayers at Eidgahs/Open Spaces is strictly prohibited.
2. It is appealed to perform Eid prayers preferably at one's respective home.
3. The Eid prayers may be performed in Jamat with a maximum of 50 musallies (members) in Masajid in accordance with capacity of the namaz area of the respective Masajid duly following Covid-19 protocol i.e., maintaining social / physical distancing (6 ft.) and other precautionary health norms. If necessary, one or two spells (Jamats) with above specified number in different intervals, which should be performed within the permitted time i.e., between 6.00 AM to 12.00 Noon.
4. No one shall be allowed without Mask.
5. Every devotee / Musalli coming to the Masajid for prayers is advised to perform Wadhu at home and bring his own prayer mat / Jaye-Namaz (Janimaz).

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6. The Managements of the Masajid shall keep sufficient number of sanitizers at the entry points. Before entry / exit of the Masajid, hands shall be cleaned with sanitizer or soap.
 7. Imams and Khateebbs are requested to make the Eid Khutbah / sermons short.
 8. Senior citizens, children and people with cough, cold or fever are appealed to perform the Eid prayers at their homes.
 9. People suffering with diabetes, high BP and other coronary heart ailments are advised to offer prayers at home.
 10. Further, it is advised to avoid hand shaking, meeting relatives, Eid-milap programs, hugging with each other (Musafa) etc. in order to delink the spread of the CORONA VIRUS.
4. All the District Collectors and Commissioners of Police/ Superintendents of Police of the State are requested to ensure that all above instructions are scrupulously followed at all the Masajid Waqf institutions in the State.
5. The Chief Executive Officer, A.P. State Waqf Board, Vijayawada is directed to take necessary further action in the matter, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The Chief Executive Officer, A.P. State Waqf Board, Vijayawada.

All the Collectors / District Magistrates of the State.

All the Commissioners of Police/ Superintendents of Police of the State.

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The Prl. Secretary to Government,
General Administration (Political) Department, AP Secretariat for
information.

OSD to the Dy. Chief Minister (Minorities Welfare), AP Secretariat.

PA to the Principal Secretary to Government, Minorities Welfare Department.

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